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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on whole turkeys. Offerings were light to adequate. Demand was fair to instances good. Trading on hens in the East was for nearby delivery. A fair volume of hens and toms moved in the Central region. Fresh tom breast meat remained fully steady to firm, however some buyer resistance was noted. Inquiries were strong for tenderloins as an alternative to breast meat. Thigh meat traded at higher trending levels as sellers held with confidence.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Limited trading centered on thigh meat at higher prices.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	88-95
BREASTS 10-12#	143-154
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

	<u>RANGE</u>
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-81
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-75

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	56.25-62	56.25	56.25	400	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57.5-59	57.5	57.50	120	58.00	800	MAR	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	58.00	320	MAR	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 FEBRUARY 1999.

Tom breast meat seller sentiment fully steady to firm with less aggressive buyer interest noted. However, some fair to good inquiry continues to be noted on tenderloins with a strong undertone still noted. Demand light to fair on frozen thigh meat with offering prices trending higher as sellers hold inventories with increased confidence. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts uneven with some sellers more confident than others, 10 lb. and heavier breasts light. Trading light on plant grade 12-14 lb. breasts 125 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00-91.00		90.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.50	28
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	9
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	9
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	185.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	199.80	300
THIGH MEAT		F	43.67	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	45.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	120.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	110.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	156.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	62.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	15.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.50	104
TAILS		F	21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.80	50
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.50		46.50	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.